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This morning I saw Nora Beloff of the London Observer.

Denise and René Mayer came for lunch with the Walter Lippmans, the Buel Weares, Foreign Minister Beyen of Holland, André de Staercke, and the Robert Miners.

Preston Grover talked to me this afternoon in his usual sensible way about the varied problems connected with European integration.

Later on, Tommy and I went to see Alphand and Hoyer-Millar at the Quai d'Orsay in connection with the association between the U. K. and the EDC. In general, it was a satisfactory conversation, centered chiefly on the extension of the NATO Treaty to a 50-year rather than a 20-year period. We are against making a declaration in favor of such an extension because it would create a complicated situation in the Senate. The other countries will probably go ahead and repeat the wish embodied in the EDC draft treaty that this may be brought about.

I received a telegram this morning from Washington in response to the inquiry I made yesterday as to what was the reaction of our Government to Mr. Churchill's speech. Although my instructions were tentative, I was authorized to tell Adenauer the President and the State Department still considered that Russia should manifest the sincerity of its desire to abate tensions by deeds and not by words.

Adenauer read me portions of the speeches which he proposes to make in London. He said the conversations with the Foreign Ministers had gone surprisingly well and the agreement reached for a study of the EPC text by governmental representatives who will meet in Rome during the month of June was thoroughly satisfactory to him. The result of their survey will be referred to the Foreign Ministers about July 10 at The Hague.

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He felt that little if any progress had been made on the Saar question, which he will discuss again tonight with Messrs. Mayer and Bidault. It appears that, with the German elections in the offing for September, he does not feel [redacted] conversations on this subject can be fruitful until the elections are over.

Tonight Lew Douglas and Margaret Biddle came to dinner with us. Lew is enthusiastic over Churchill's speech and does not think [redacted] the complications which in my opinion it will cause in Washington are important.

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